

Diocesan and Community News

Eucharistic Revival - 2022 through 2025:

Visit: eucharisticrevival.org for more information.

Message for the week of April 2:

Jesus wants to live in our heart always: At the Last Supper, Jesus gave His Apostles – the first priests – the power to change the bread and wine into His Body and Blood. All priests have received this same power. At Mass, as the priest speaks the words of Jesus, the bread and wine become His Body and Blood by the power of the Holy Spirit. Jesus wants us to receive Him at Mass every Sunday because He wants to live in our heart. Let’s pray this right now and every day this week. *“Thank you Jesus for Father Biju as he stands in for You, and thereby, we are able to receive You in Holy Communion at Mass”.* This week, read the passage of Jesus instituting the Holy Eucharist at the Last Supper in Matthew 26:26-28.

Caregiver Opportunities: The Villa St. Joseph is seeking applicants for part-time help on all shifts for LPN or RN & CNA’s on all shifts. Includes every other weekend. Training provided. Apply at fspa.org/careers and look under Villa tab .

Lenten Series: All are welcome to join St. Joseph Parish for the Eucharist Lectio series with Brant Pitre. It's free. It is Tuesday evenings at 6:15 PM in the school hall. This will follow the regular Adoration (5:00 pm) and Mass (5:30 pm). There will be 10 sessions (one per week) that explore Scripture, history, and Church teaching to illuminate the wonder and the MIRACLE OF THE EUCHARIST. Please call Stacy Burns @ 608-769-8828 to register or with any questions.

Rummage Sale: Mary, Mother of the Church, 2006 Weston Street, La Crosse, will be holding a Spring Rummage Sale on Friday, April 21, 11 AM - 3 PM, \$6 a bag; and on Saturday, April 22, 8 - 11 AM, \$3 a bag. Some items priced individually.

Divine Mercy Sunday - April 16: The Deanery of the La Crosse Diocese has chosen the Shrine of Our Lady of Guadalupe for the celebration of Divine Mercy Sunday. You are invited to make a pilgrimage for Divine Mercy Sunday on April 16. The schedule for the day is as follows: 9:00 AM Latin Mass, 11:00 AM Spanish Mass, 1:00 PM English Mass, 2:30 PM Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, 2:45 PM Divine Mercy Reflection and Family Consecration to the Divine Mercy, 3:00 PM Divine Mercy Chaplet, 3:15 PM Benediction, 3:30 PM Blessing with the relic of St. Faustina. Confessions will be heard in English and Spanish 8:30 AM - 4:00 PM. Cart shuttles will be available for pilgrims from 8:00 AM - 5:00 PM. For more information, please call the Shrine at (877) 799-4059. *“On that day (Divine Mercy Sunday), the very depths of My tender mercy are open. I pour out a whole ocean of graces upon those souls who approach the Fount of My Mercy. The soul that will go to Confession and receive Holy Communion shall obtain complete forgiveness of sins and punishment.”* – Diary of St. Faustina #699

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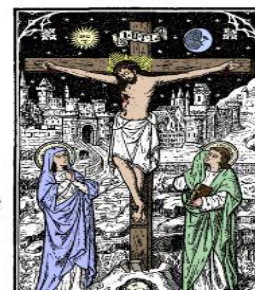
Holy Week

Did you know that this week is the most important one in the whole year? Holy Week has Holy Thursday, Good Friday and Holy Saturday. On these days we remember and celebrate the most important things that Jesus did before His resurrection on Easter Sunday.

On Holy Thursday Jesus said the first Mass and made his apostles the first priests. Go to Mass on Thursday if you can, and think about what Jesus did- He made bread and wine into Himself so that He could still be with us after He went back into Heaven.

On Good Friday Jesus suffered terribly and then died on the cross because of our sins. He offered up His life, even though He had never sinned, so that all of us could go to Heaven. That's why we call it "Good" Friday. Can you offer some sacrifice to Jesus in return for what He did for you?

On Holy Saturday Jesus' body was in the tomb. His friends were all shocked by what had happened and were afraid and sad. They did not remember what was going to happen next... Do you remember what happened after Holy Saturday?



Important Cemetery Information

From the Cemetery Committee: It has come to the attention of the Cemetery Committee that several headstones in our cemetery are in need of repair/maintenance. Following is a list of the names on those headstones. It is the family's responsibility to take care of these headstones. If you are a family member or know of a family member, please consider taking care of the necessary repairs and/or contacting family members. If interested, the Committee does have the name of a person who does this kind of work. If you have questions, please contact one of the Committee members.

- Row 1** Johann & Catharina Brecht
John Bell
- Row 4** Anton Kerska
- Row 5** John & Anna Burbach
- Row 6** Ernest Muenzenberger
- Row 7** Anton & Margarete Lomis
- Row 10** Anna Arentz
John & Katherina Burbach
- Row 11** Nick Fischbach
Nick Antony
- Row 12** Edmund Ott
- Row 13** Vaclav Silha
- Row 15** Mathias & Anna Becker
- Row 16** Walter & Mabel Cavadini
- Row 17** John & Anna Weber
- Row 19** Peter & Margaret Hurtz
- Row 22** Joseph & Mary Korn
- Row 24** Mary Repky
Clarence & Mildred Muenzenberger
- Row 25** Joseph & Wilma Clements
- Row 26** Gasper

PASTOR

Fr. Biju Chennala Kunjukutty, MSFS

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WEEKEND MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday.....8:00 PM

Sunday.....10:00 AM

WEEKDAY MASS SCHEDULE

Wednesday and Friday.....8:00 AM

ADORATION

Wednesday.....7:30 PM to 8:30 PM

CONFESSIONS

Wednesdays during Adoration
& By Appointment

PARISH OFFICE (located in the church Sacristy)

Hours: Wednesday 10:00 AM - 3:00 PM

Friday 10:00 AM - 3:00 PM

Melissa Schaub.....Secretary/Bookkeeper

Office Phone: (608) 486-2180

Home Phone: (608) 486-4012

Bulletin deadline:Wednesday

Email: parishoffice@stpmr.diolcparish.org

Fax: (608) 486-2181

PARISH WEBMASTER Christopher Pundzak

SACRISTANS Richard Korish & Austin Menn

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Mary Hundt, Coordinator.....(608) 780-6172

PARISH FINANCE COUNCIL

Gary Flock, Michael Hundt, Rachel Persson, Brandon Flock, Mark Nicolai (Committee liaisons: Peter Benzing & Leo Leis)

PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL

Tom Schaub, Mark Stephenson, Rob Slattery, Peter Benzing, Chris Pundzak, Kathy Flock

PCCW - Parish Council of Catholic Women

Pam Benzing, Mary Bach-Filla, LaVonne Hundt

CEMETERY COMMITTEE

Leo Leis (Chairman), Mark Gronemus,

Jared Lucey, Don Halderson, David Scharping

CEMETERY SEXTON Tom Schaub...(608) 486-4012

FUNERAL COMMITTEE CHAIR

Debra Leis.....(608) 632-7830

MUSIC

Terese Slattery, Coordinator.....(608) 452-4605

Leland Gregorich, Organist

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PALM SUNDAY
APRIL 2, 2023



CALL THE PARISH OFFICE TO MAKE ARRANGEMENTS FOR:

- Joining the Parish • Weddings • Baptisms
- Anointing of the sick (Please call Father Biju’s cell phone)
- If you are home-bound & would like to be visited

Parish Intentions

4/5 Wed. 8:00 AM –

† Fred Peltz (ANN)

4/6 Thurs. 8:00 PM –

† Madonna Leis (MLH)

4/7 Fri. 1:00 PM – Good Friday
(Stations @ 12:30 PM)

4/8 Sat. 8:30 PM –

† Paul & Donna Leis (LF)

4/9 Sun. 10:00 AM –

† Bobbie & Arlene Arentz
(DKS)

Ministry Servers

Thursday April 6 – 8:00 PM

Servers: Isabell Korn & Volunteer

Ushers: Bill Korn & Tim Leis

Lector: Dan Korn

Friday April 7 – 1:00 PM

Servers: Joe & Josh Peterson

Ushers: Mark Stephenson & Peter Benzing

Lector: Kathy Flock & John Hundt

Saturday April 8 – 8:30 PM

Servers: Matthew & Andrew Schaub

Ushers: Don Halderson & Ron Hurtz

Lector: Melissa & Kristen Schaub

Sunday April 9 – 10:00 AM

Servers: Madi & Allis Gronemus

Ushers: Gary & Mark Gronemus

Lector: Ann Hundt

Stations of the Cross & Eucharistic Adoration

Wednesday @ 7:30 with Adoration to follow until 9 PM

Come spend some quiet time with Jesus. Confessions available.

Parish Calendar of Events

Sun. April 2 – Rosary in church @ 7:30 PM

Mon. April 3 – PCCW Meeting @ 7 PM

Wed. April 5 – No CCD for Grades 7-10

Thurs. April 6 - Holy Thursday Mass @ 8:00 PM

Thurs. April 6 – Fri. April 7 – Eucharistic Adoration

Fri. April 7 - Good Friday Service @ 1:00 PM

(Stations of the Cross @ 12:30 PM)

Fri. April 7 – Anointing of the Sick Sacrament

available; contact Fr. Biju to schedule

Sat. April 8 - Holy Saturday Mass @ 8:30 PM

Sun. April 9 - Easter Sunday Mass @10:00 AM

Sun. April 9 – Grades 1-6 NO CCD – Easter Sunday

Wed. April 12 – Grades 7-9 CCD Class 7 – 8:15 PM

Sun. April 16 – Grades 1-6 CCD Class 8:45 – 9:45 AM

St. Joseph's Ridge Mass Times

Saturday 4:00 p.m. and Sunday 8:30 a.m.

First Saturday Mass.....8:30am

Confession time available after Mass

Monday5:30pm

Tuesday..... 5:30pm

(Adoration before Mass beginning at 5:00 pm)

Thursday.....8:30am

From the Pastor's Pen

"Hosanna to the Son of David"

With Passion (Palm) Sunday we begin our Holy Week. It takes us to the liturgies of the Triduum—Holy Thursday's Mass of the Lord's Supper, the Good Friday of the Lord's Passion, and the Easter Vigil. On Palm Sunday we recall Jesus' entry into the holy city, Jerusalem with the greetings 'hosanna to the Son of David,' the salutation to a deliverer, the Messiah. People celebrate the joy of the Messiah. It was short lived. The joy of the entry into Jerusalem is replaced by fear as we move on. The disciples who celebrated a final meal with Jesus, all desert him. The fear among the disciples losses its grip only after the post resurrection apparitions of Jesus.

Before his Passion he had his last meal with his chosen ones. The liturgy of Holy Thursday celebrates the last supper of the Lord and the various events of the night before Jesus suffered his Passion. The institution of the Holy Eucharist, the institution of the priesthood and the new commandment to love is celebrated on this day. On Holy Thursday at end of the service we are led to silence, adoration, thankfulness to the Lord in the blessed sacrament.

The liturgy of the Good Friday is solemn. If Holy Thursday points to the sacramental outpouring of the Lord, then Good Friday points to the graphic emptying of Christ. He faces the cruelty of death, betrayal, pain, abandonment and humiliation. The passion narrative tells us all. "Christ Jesus, though he was in the form of God, did not regard equality with God something to be grasped. Rather, he emptied himself, taking the form of a slave, coming in human likeness; and found human in appearance, he humbled himself, becoming obedient to the point of death, even death on a cross". Phillipines 2:6-11. The Good Friday liturgy shows us how much Christ loved us. Christ gives us his life, body and spirit. In the light of the death of Christ we stand in awe and profound silence. Christ redeems us though his humanity which remains faithful to God. Jesus' faithfulness undoes or redeems our unfaithfulness.

Holy Saturday is a day of great silence in the church. Mass is not celebrated. Sacraments are not celebrated. We are called to face the meaning of the death of Christ in our lives. The liturgy of the Easter vigil begins at night with kindling of the new fire and the Easter proclamation." rejoice heavenly powers..." The Easter liturgy and Easter season announces the resurrection of Christ. We profess our faith that he is our Lord. Easter is the reason of our hope. Jesus is life.

Have a blessed Holy Week

Live Jesus, Fr Biju MSFS

Parish News

Condolences: The St. Peter's family extends our heartfelt condolences to Arnie Hundt & family on the loss of Madonna. She was a pillar of our community and will be greatly missed. May she rest in peace with our Lord.

Holy Week Schedule: See Parish Calendar for dates & times.

Holy Week Eucharistic Adoration: St. Peters Parish will hold **all night** Eucharistic adoration following Holy Thursday mass on April 6th until 11:00 AM on Good Friday. Eucharistic adorers are asked to commit to spend 1 hour or more in the church in front of the Blessed Sacrament. To sign up for a prayer time call or email the parish office or sign up in the back of church. Let us try to have all of the time slots filled to adore Christ our Redeemer!

Easter Flowers: If you would like to donate towards the flowers that decorate our church please place it in a marked envelope.

Anointing of the Sick: Fr. Biju will be available to perform this Sacrament on the first Friday of the month after daily mass. Please contact him directly if you or a family member would like to receive. **This is available Friday April 7th.**

First Sunday Rosary: We pray the rosary on the first Sunday of each month in church at **7:30 PM**. The next one will be **April 2nd**. Please plan to attend to pray as our Holy Mother has called us to do.

Seeking Babysitters: If you are willing to babysit, please send your name and phone number to Rachel Persson at 608-386-9543. She is compiling a list of babysitter-aged women from our parish. The information will be posted in the back of the church so that families in need of babysitting may contact you directly. Note: rate of pay, number of children, etc, is all to be determined by the babysitter individually. The church is merely providing a list of potential babysitters, nothing more.

Holy Week, Abortion, and the Wisconsin Supreme Court Race: The PBS Wisconsin headline on Feb. 22 got right to the point: "National debate over abortion turns to Wisconsin Supreme Court race." It was referring to the election that will take place on Tuesday, April 4. Media coverage of the two Supreme Court candidates and their philosophies is widespread, and abortion has been the constant focal point. As we inform ourselves, and then cast our vote on April 4 – Tuesday of Holy Week – let us cherish the fact that Jesus himself took on flesh as a tiny, developing child in the womb of Mary, so that one day, on the Cross of Calvary, he might rescue us from darkness and sin. Likewise, every preborn child is in the image of the Lord who created and redeemed us.

Project Milk needs your help! As we prepare to purchase whole powdered milk for the children at Casa Hogar and their surrounding orphanages, we find ourselves short of funding to purchase a full shipping container. Presently we have the funding for 600 bags of milk, but a full container is 800 bags. We are in immediate need of \$17,000. Each 50 lb.-bag costs \$85.00. Please consider donating to Project Milk so we can send this powdered milk to Peru for the many children! You can donate online at homeajpm.org/project-milk, by clicking on the "Donate" tab and designating Project Milk as your donation.



Our Parish has started the process of setting up this campaign. We prayerfully ask you to attend one of the upcoming sessions to learn more about the details of the funding opportunities for our parish and the Diocese. The Inspired by the Spirit campaign will include this year's Diocesan Annual Appeal. It will benefit our own parish and the various missions of the Diocese of La Crosse for years to come.

Parish Finances (Fiscal Year Budget)

Weekly Target - \$1,700.00

Last Week's Total - \$1,766.00

\$66.00

Year to Date Target - \$66,300.00

Year to Date Total - \$68,667.39

\$2,367.39

Readings for April 9, 2023

First Reading: Acts 10:34-43

Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 3:1-4 OR 5:6-8

Gospel Reading: John 20:1-9

Prayer for Spiritual Communion: My Jesus, I believe that You are present in the Blessed Sacrament. I love You above all things, and I desire You with all my heart. Since I cannot now receive You sacramentally, I ask you to come spiritually into my heart. I embrace You as if You were already in my heart and unite myself to You completely. Please do not let me ever be separated from You. Amen.